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For: ELECTROLYTE MATRIX, PARTICULARLY FOR A MOLTEN CARBONATE FUEL CELL, AND METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION THEREOF

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to the issuance of a first Office Action and simultaneously with the filing of the present U.S. National Stage application, please amend said application as follows:

**FEE CALCULATION**

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\_\_\_\_\_ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

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#### **SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

1. \_\_\_\_ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2. \_\_\_\_ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3. ✓ If checked, amendments to the specification are submitted herewith.
4. ✓ If checked, amendments to the claims are submitted herewith.